

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An intravascular catheter of the invention has an improved distal tip
5 with an expanded portion which has exterior transverse dimensions greater
than an unexpanded portion proximally adjacent to the expanded portion. In
one presently preferred embodiment the catheter has an inflatable balloon
with a distal skirt which is secured to the unexpanded portion of the distal tip
so as to provide an even exterior surface thereto.